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MEDIA ADVISORY

City of Milwaukee Health Department to Continue Drinking Water Filter Distribution

Licensed child care facilities being offered free drinking water filters certified to remove lead

MILWAUKEE – The City of Milwaukee Health Department is issuing a reminder to area licensed child care facilities that on Wednesday, September 13, the City of Milwaukee Health Department (MHD) will continue its Drinking Water Filter Distribution Program by offering licensed child care facilities with lead service lines the chance to pick up free drinking water filters certified to remove lead.

The effort builds on the MHD's drinking water filter distribution program, which launched in 2016, and is part of the City's comprehensive approach to preventing lead exposure to children by addressing lead-based paint hazards, promoting drinking water safety, and increasing testing of children for lead exposure.

"The City of Milwaukee Health Department has aggressively worked to reduce children's exposure to lead hazards," said Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker. "As we work to drive down rates even further, we will continue to expand on outreach opportunities to reach those places where children may be exposed."

For more information on drinking water filters, visit Milwaukee.gov/WaterFilter or LeadSafeMKE.com.

NOTE: You must be a licensed child care facility with a lead service line to receive a free drinking water filter during this event. Child care facilities should refer to details provided in a letter mailed directly to your facility.

WHAT: Drinking Water Filter Distribution for Child Care Facilities

WHERE: City of Milwaukee Health Department

Northwest Health Center 7630 W. Mill Rd., Milwaukee

TIME: 9 a.m.

INTERVIEW

AVAILABILITY: Commissioner of Health Bevan K. Baker

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